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APPLICANT: HARTMUT EICHINGER ART UNIT: 3635  
SERIAL NO.: 09/297,237 EXAMINER: PATRICK J. CHAVEZ  
FILED: MAY 17, 1999  
TITLE: PLAYHOUSE MADE FROM PREFABRICATED PARTS

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED PROSECUTION APPLICATION  
PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.53

Hon. Commissioner for Patents  
United States Patent and Trademark Office  
Washington, D. C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is a request for filing a Continued Prosecution Application, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.53, in response to the final Office Action, dated June 5, 2001, issued for the above-identified patent application.

The following papers and fees are enclosed:

1. A Petition for a Three-Month Extension of Time of the three-month shortened-statutory period for response set

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I hereby certify that this paper is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service "Express Mail - Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 C.F.R. §1.10 on the date indicated above and is addressed to: Hon. Commissioner for Patents, United States Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, D. C. 20231.

  
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December 5, 2001  
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by the final Office Action, dated June 5, 2001, such that the period for response is extended to now run through December 5, 2001. The requisite three-month extension fee of \$460.00 (small entity) is enclosed.

2. "Response to the Final Office Action," responsive to the outstanding Office Action, dated June 5, 2001, is enclosed.

3. The filing fee of \$370.00 (small entity) for this Continued Prosecution Application is enclosed and is calculated on the basis of the claims existing in the present application as follows:

Total Claims: 12 (numbered as Claims 20-31)

Independent Claims: 1 (i.e., Claim 20)

4. A check in the amount of \$830.00 (small entity) is enclosed to cover the Continued Prosecution Application filing fee and the petition fee for a Three-Month Extension of Time for the above-identified patent application.

5. The undersigned hereby confirms that the Applicant remains entitled to claim Small Entity status for the above-identified patent application.

6. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the Deposit Account of Applicant's Attorney, Account No. 19-0450, for any fees not herein provided for. A duplicate of this

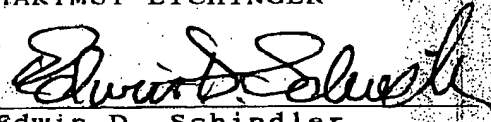
paper is enclosed for billing purposes.

Accordingly, the prosecution of the above-identified patent application is requested to continue on the basis of the filing of this Request for a Continued Prosecution Application and on the basis of the concurrently-filed "Response to the Final Office Action," with the finality of the last Office Action being withdrawn. Such action is respectfully requested and earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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- Enc.: 1. Petition for Three-Month Extension of time;  
2. Check for \$830.00 (CPA Filing Fee + Extension Fee); and,  
3. "Response to the Final Office Action."

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the Deposit Account of Applicant's Attorney, Account No. 19-0450, for any additional fees which may be due in connection with the prosecution of the present application, but which have not otherwise been provided for.